

# ECAMP results posted; Tyndall dedicated to environment

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Base evaluators conducted an Internal Environmental Compliance Assessment and Management Program inspection the week of March 26. Ann Garner, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron flight chief, Environmental Flight, said, “the internal ECAMP inspection was highly successful. Nothing went unnoticed.”

The ECAMP provides a comprehensive assessment of base activities that impact the environment; assures our solutions to any problems will comply with environmental laws and regulations and provides a snapshot look at our installation’s environmental compliance and game plan for

correcting problems.

This year, Tyndall had 91 findings during the inspection. There were no significant findings, 10 high vulnerability findings, 35 low vulnerability, 35 management practice and 11 positive findings. Mrs. Garner said many of the low vulnerability findings were corrected on the spot.

Significant findings are those that present an immediate threat to human health and safety or the environment.

High vulnerability findings are those that would likely generate an enforcement action from a regulatory agency.

Low vulnerability findings are findings that have a low likelihood of generating an enforcement action from a regulatory agency. It also applies to temporary or occasional instances of noncompliance with

regulatory requirements.

Management practice findings are a problem based on Department of Defense or Air Force requirements separate from law. In addition, they also apply to recommendations for reducing environmental risks and improving environmental management functions.

Positive findings are activities or procedures that either serve as examples for other installations or demonstrate efforts to go well beyond compliance with environmental laws.

The ECAMP was headed this year by Col. Armand P. Grassi, Jr., 325th Logistics Group commander, who stated, “I would like to personally thank each member of the ECAMP team for their time and dedication in making Tyndall Air Force Base a

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# Air Force offers aviation jobs to enlisted servicemembers

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**MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AFPN)**—For enlisted servicemembers looking to spread their wings, there are several positions available in aviation specialties.

Positions include boom operators, loadmasters, flight engineers, communications operators, systems technicians, aerial gunners, battle managers and flight attendants. The jobs provide enlisted servicemembers with the extra advantages of incentive pay benefits, better opportunities to travel and character-building challenges, Air Force officials said.

The pay benefits are provided through the Career-Enlisted Flier Incentive Pay Program, which began in October 1999.

The CEFIP was developed to compensate enlisted servicemembers in these career fields for the hazardous nature of their jobs, plus provide an incentive to attract individuals to aviation specialties and retain them through-

out their careers.

The program enables military members in specific career-enlisted aviation specialties that are designated by the service secretary to receive continuous flight-incentive pay as long as they meet prescribed operational flying requirements.

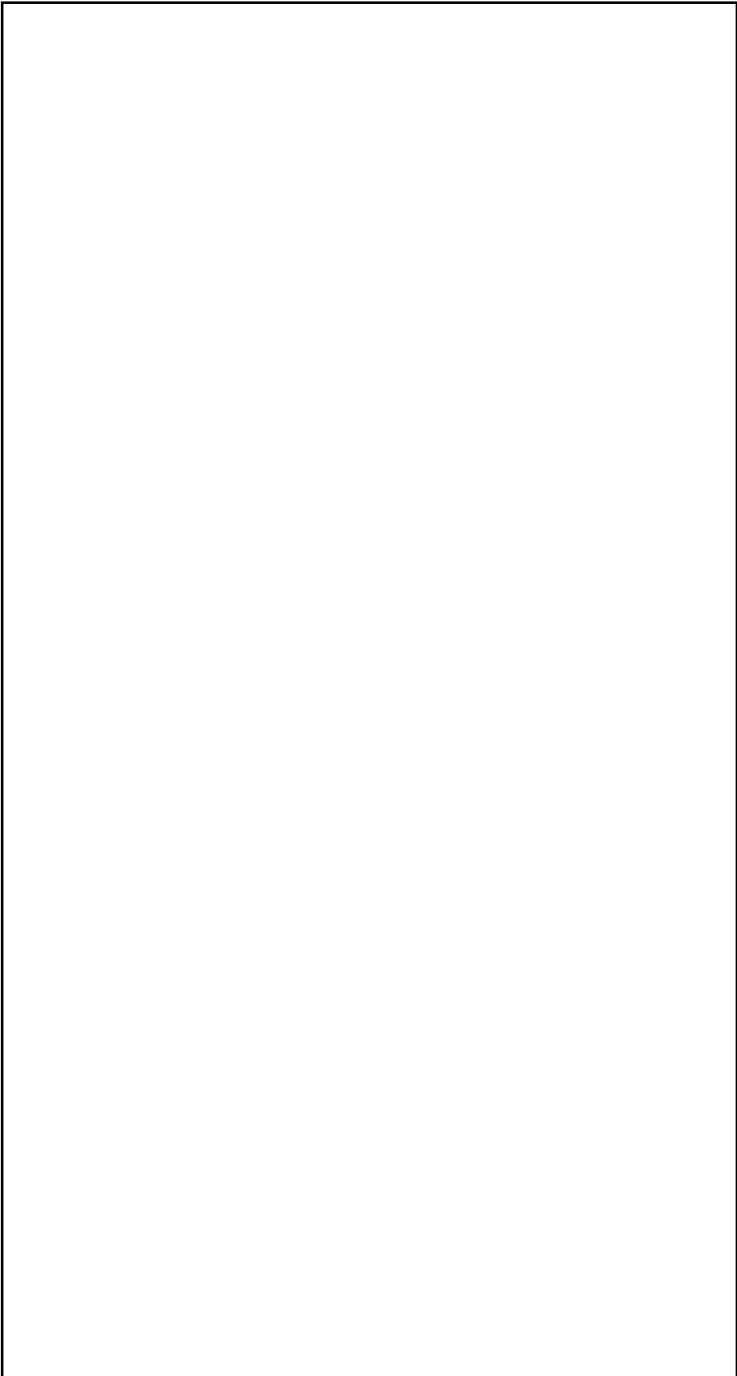
The CEFIP is paid in place of certain other money, such as hazardous duty incentive pay and special duty assignment pay.

The incentive pay, unlike HDIP and SDAP, also continues when a member is assigned to non-flying duties. Ultimately, this provides enlisted fliers with increased compensation over the course of their career, from \$150 up to \$400 per month.

For career-enlisted fliers, programs such as CEFIP are an added bonus to a job they love to do.

“I’ve been to a lot of places, and I’ve seen a lot of things,” said Tech. Sgt. Frederick E. Fox, a C-17 Globemaster III loadmaster with the 15th Airlift Squadron at Charleston Air

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Kevin Robertson

## Racking up the mileage

Raptor 4002, “Old Reliable”, accomplished another significant program achievement when it became the first F-22 to fly 200 sorties during a March 28 test mission from Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. Currently, there are four F-22s at Edwards AFB involved in the flight test program, with the remaining four Engineering and Manufacturing Development Raptors scheduled to join the test fleet by the end of this year. Tyndall expects its first F-22, Raptor 4018, in February 2003.

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better place. Their efforts promoted recycling, reduced hazardous material use and increased awareness of our surrounding environment. All members of Team Tyndall are key to our pollution-prevention efforts.”

Overall, Mrs. Garner indicated the internal inspection was highly successful, identifying and initiating corrective actions on non-compliances discovered. Disclosing and correcting noncompliances averts potential environmental fines that could run as high as \$27,500 per day, per violation. The objective is to find and fix, before any regulator has an opportunity to find and fine. “The ultimate goal is to be good environmental stewards of our environment and to protect the people in and around Tyndall,” Mrs. Garner said.

Today in history

- 1789** The First U.S. Congress begins regular sessions at Federal Hall in New York City.
- 1862** Confederate forces attack General Ulysses S. Grant at Shiloh, Tennessee.
- 1865** At the Battle of Saylor’s Creek, a third of Lee’s army is cut off by Union troops pursuing him to Appomattox.
- 1896** The modern Olympics begin in Athens with eight nations participating.
- 1909** Americans Robert Peary and Matthew Henson become the first men to reach the North Pole.
- 1917** The United States declare war on Germany and enters World War I on the Allied side.
- 1924** Four planes leave Seattle on the first successful flight around the world.
- 1941** German forces invade Greece and Yugoslavia.
- 1965** President Lyndon B. Johnson authorizes the use of ground troops in combat operations in Vietnam.

Sick call changes for active-duty members

Beginning Monday, active-duty health care will no longer revolve around the first hour of the duty day. There are now more options to access the health care you need.

There are several options for obtaining routine and wellness appointments. You may call our central appointment line, 283-2778 or (800)824-3454, and either hold for the clerk or leave a voice message and have the appointment clerk call you back. You may also request a routine or wellness appointment via e-mail using the Tyndall Web Page: [www.tyndall.af.mil](http://www.tyndall.af.mil). Once you get to the Tyndall web page, choose the 325th FW Units, then 325th Medical Group and follow

the prompts.

If you feel you are unable to carry out your normal duties due to illness, your supervisor can make the decision for you to go home for up to 24 hours without having to be seen by a provider. If your supervisor feels uncomfortable making such a decision, he or she may refer you to a triage nurse for determination of care. Call 283-2778 and press the option to speak to a triage nurse. You may also opt to leave a non-urgent message and have the triage nurse call you back.

The family practice clinic is open 7 a.m.–6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. –4:30 p.m. Fridays and 8 a.m.–noon on Saturdays.



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Force Base, S.C. “To be able to travel and get paid is great.”

Sergeant Fox also said he liked having the added responsibility of being a loadmaster.

“Even though you’re in a squadron, when you’re on the airplane you’re in control of the situation,” he said.

Tech. Sgt. Carl Helbig, a loadmaster with the 437th Operations Group at Charleston AFB, agreed.

“Even as an airman, a loadmaster is in a supervisory role,” Sergeant Helbig said. “We have more freedom and responsibilities than many others in the Air Force. An airman who comes in as a flier can start making a difference right away.”

With the missions Charleston aircrews endure, Sergeant Fox spends around 180 days a year on temporary duty assignments. Missions may include anything from local training flights to three-week missions in either the Pacific or European theaters carrying supplies to deployed troops across the globe.

“The TDYs can be sporadic,” Sergeant Fox said. “Sometimes, you don’t know when the next mission will come up and you have to be really flexible. Things could change while you’re out in the system.”

Those who are considering entering or retraining into this career field should really weigh the pros and cons of becoming a flier, Sergeant Fox said. Com-

mitments to family and off-duty education are two important factors to weigh before vying for a set of wings.

For people like Sergeant Helbig and Sergeant Fox, whose scales tip favorable toward the positive side, there is a significant number of openings in these aviation specialties, said Senior Master Sgt. Steve King, chief of aircrew enlisted assignments at the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Texas.

“Many of these career fields have been under a chronic critical status for a long time,” Sergeant King said. “One field has been under this status since 1993.

“The best part of this for folks wanting careers in aviation is that new opportunities abound — the fields are open,” Sergeant King said. “Of our current eight CEA career fields, every one of them has numerous retraining-in quotas, and many of them also accept new recruits. For instance, the two flight engineer fields are looking for over 150 retrainees for this fiscal year.”

Interested new recruits with or without prior service and retrainees can apply for one of these positions through either their local recruiter or their military personnel flight.

For many of the enlisted aviators, being in this career field may make the difference between having an Air Force career and enjoying one.

“I couldn’t think of another job in the Air Force that I’d like to do,” Sergeant Fox said.



# 19th Air Force recognizes outstanding flying instructors

Thirteen 19th Air Force people have been selected as the Outstanding Flying Training Instructors of the Year.

“You can’t produce the best aviators in the world without having absolutely the best instructors,” said Maj. Gen. Steven Polk, 19th Air Force Commander. “Our instructors are the critical link in training world-class aircrews and air battle managers.”

The general added, “We are blessed to have an outstanding cadre of instructors throughout 19th Air

Force who ensure ‘no one comes close’ to American airpower. These 13 instructors are truly the best of the best.”

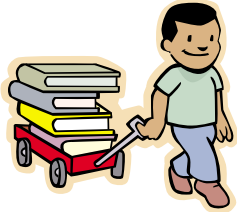
The 19th Air Force Flying Training Instructors of the Year are:

- Weapons Controller Instructor — Tech. Sgt. Robert Robinson, 325th Transportation Squadron, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.
- Air Battle Manager Instructor — Capt. Robert Grazulis, 325th Operations Support Squadron, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
- Trainer Instructor — Capt. Gavin

Marks, 32nd Flying Training Squadron, Vance AFB, Okla.

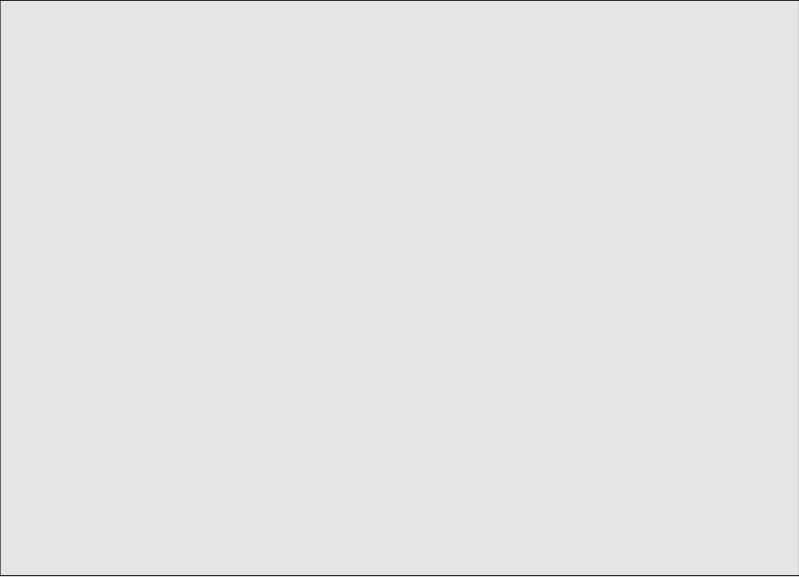
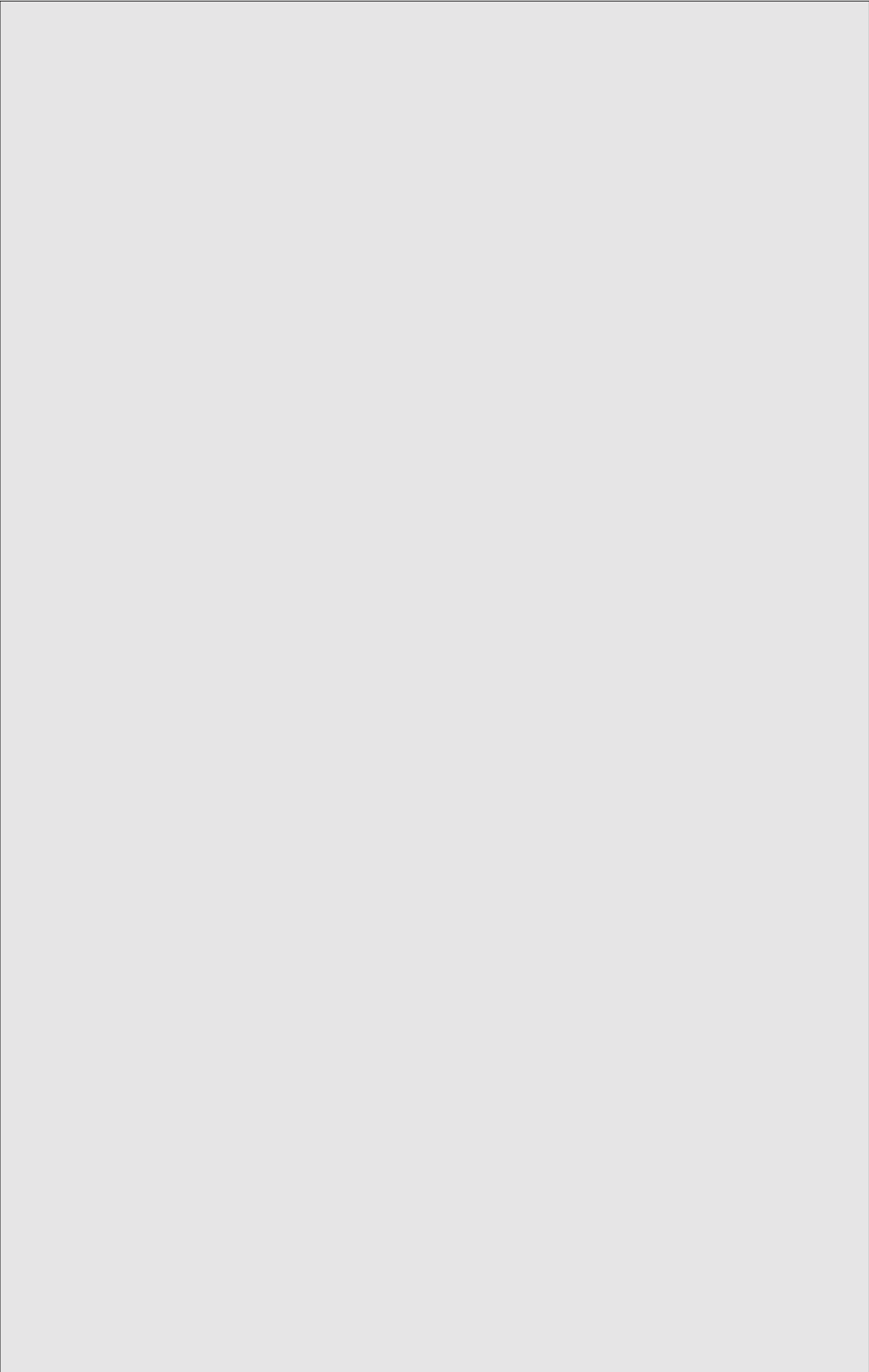
- Fighter Instructor — Maj. Mark Connolly, 479th Flying Training Group, Moody AFB, Ga.
- Airlift/Tanker Instructor — Capt. Scott Bumpus, 58th Airlift Squadron, Altus AFB, Okla.
- Special Ops/Rescue Instructor — Capt. David Diehl, 550th Special Operations Squadron, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
- Electronic Warfare Instructor — Capt. Ronald Fey, 563rd FTS, Randolph AFB, Texas

- Navigator Instructor — Capt. Eric Espino, 550 SOS, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
- Loadmaster Instructor — Tech. Sgt. Rodney Roy, 58th Operations Group, Kirtland AFB, N.M.
- Flight Engineer Instructor — Staff Sgt. Gaylord Howe, 36th Rescue Flight, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
- Boom Operator Instructor — Staff Sgt. Raul Padilla, 54th Air Refueling Squadron, Altus AFB, Okla.
- Gunner Instructor — Tech. Sgt. Paul Silver, 512th Rescue Squadron, Kirtland AFB, N. M.
- Radio Operator Instructor — Tech. Sgt. Brian Williams, 550th SOS, Kirtland AFB, N.M.



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# Air Force begins new PFE study guide distribution

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS)** – The Air Force Personnel Center recently announced that delivery of the new Promotion Fitness Examination Study Guide (Volume 1) and the new United States Air Force Supervisory Examination Study Guide (Volume 2) is expected to begin this month.

The first shipments will be sent to overseas locations. Both publications have a July 1 effective date and are the required study references for promotion cycle 01E9, as well as testing cycles 02E8, 02E6/7 and 02E5.

With the elimination of base publication distribution offices, base and unit Weighted Airman Promotion System monitors are responsible for ensuring study guides are provided to all enlisted members with an emphasis on those who are promotion-eligible.

The Air Force recently revised the WAPS testing schedule to reduce the waiting time between enlisted promotion testing and the promotion release dates. Another big change is the in-

crease in time an airman has access to the proper testing materials. Currently, the Air Force requires individuals have access to study materials for only 30 days to be required to test. The new change requires that 30-day window be extended to 60 days. When there is a delay in the receipt of materials through no fault of the member, he or she will not be required to test until they have been granted 60 days to study.

Because of the requirement, WAPS monitors will first issue study guides to those eligible for promotion in the E-9 September 2001 testing cycle. Master sergeants testing in cycle 02E8 are second priority, staff and technical sergeants testing in cycles 02E6/7 are third priority, and the remaining enlisted population is fourth.

Each member receiving a study guide will sign for it, and those requiring replacement material (lost or damaged) will contact the unit WAPS monitor to get new study guides.

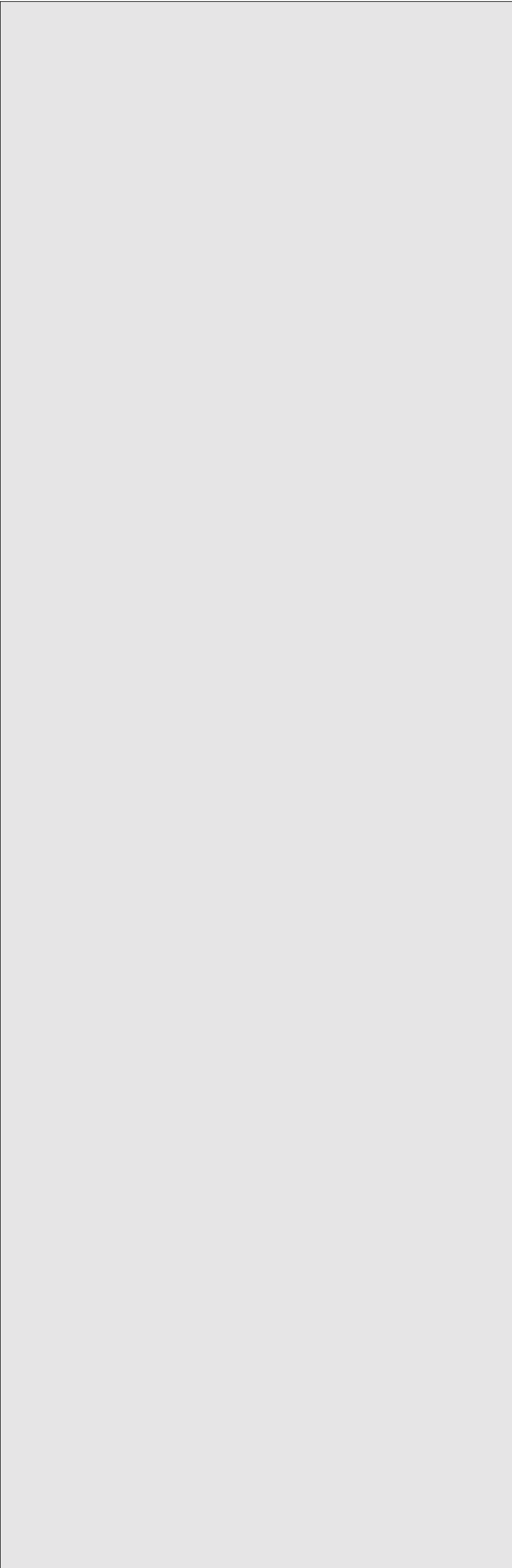
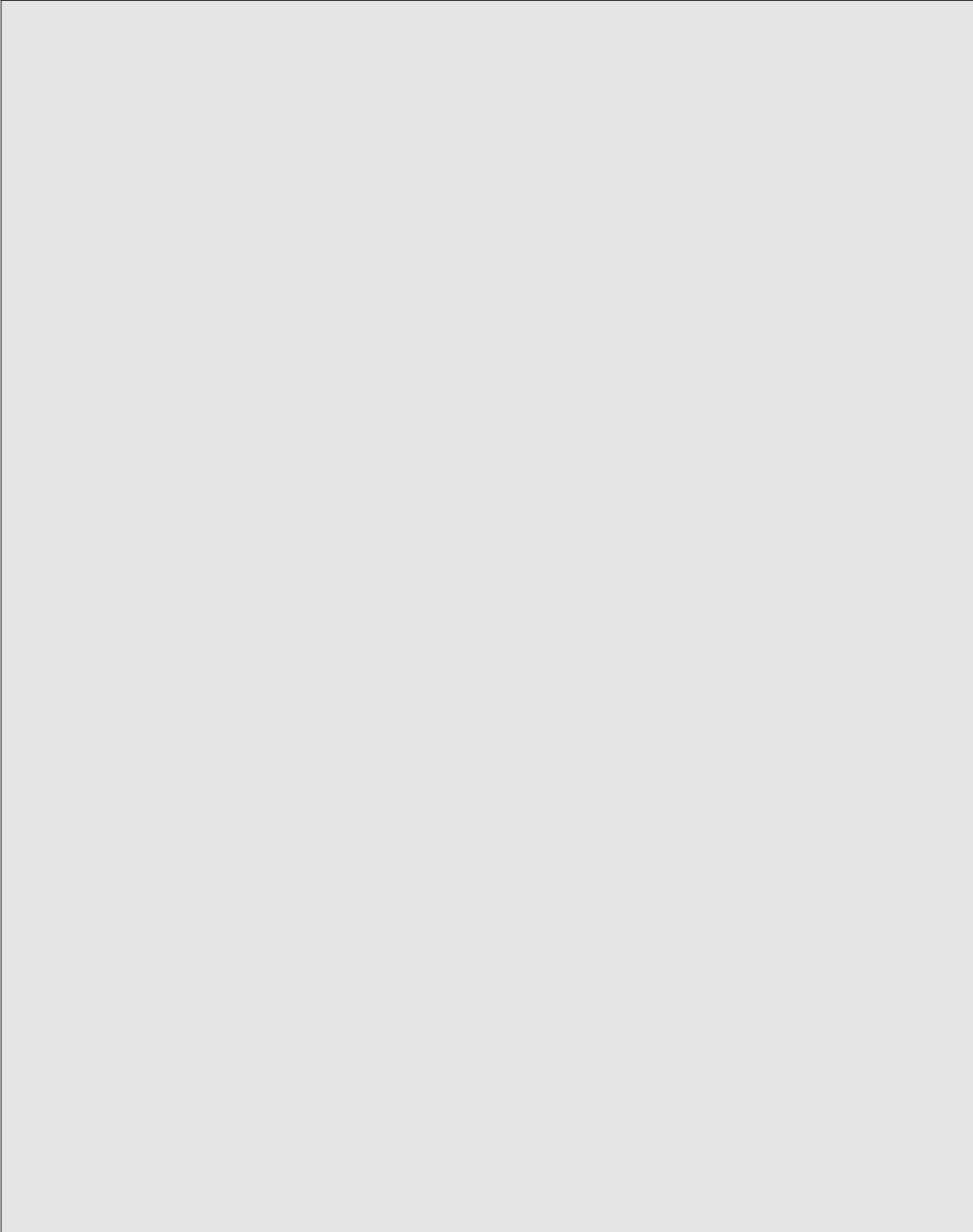
The study guides have been re-

vised to reflect the most current information on Air Force programs and a summary of changes is included with each volume.

For more information about obtaining a copy of the PFE or USAFSE, contact your military personnel flight or unit WAPS monitor.

The following are the revised testing dates and cycles the dates affect:

- For chief master sergeant, testing will take place the first four days after Labor Day starting with cycle 01E9.
- For senior master sergeant, testing will be permanently moved from November to January starting with cycle 02E8. This cycle will test Jan. 10 through 24.
- For master and technical sergeant, the testing window will slip 15 days to Feb. 15 through March 31 starting with cycle 02E7/02E6.
- For staff sergeant, the testing cycle will slip one month. Senior airmen will test in May starting with cycle 02E5.



# Viewpoint

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Category	'00	'01	Trend
On duty	1	0	-1
Off duty	10	1	-9
Traffic	5	0	-5
Sports	4	1	-3
Fatalities	1	0	-1

## Commander's Corner



**Brig. Gen. William F. Hodgkins**  
325th Fighter Wing  
commander

I would like to start off by congratulating **Senior Master Sgt. George W. Mason** for winning the Air Education and Training Command Senior NCO of the year. Sergeant Mason is superintendent of the 325th Contracting Squadron. Team Tyndall has a lot of great people, and it's gratifying to see them compete and win at that level. I know he works very hard and truly deserves this honor.

It is also my distinct pleasure to announce the selection of Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Hodges from the 325th Security Forces Squadron as the new 325th Fighter Wing command chief master sergeant. Chief Hodges will replace Chief Master Sgt. Karl W. Meyers, who has been selected to serve as 2nd Air Force command chief at Keesler Air Force Base. Chief Hodges will assume his new duties May 7.

I am excited to bring Chief Hodges into the CCC position and I have no doubt he will do an outstanding job. Please congratulate Chief Hodges when you see him and wish him well — he has a critical, demanding job in front of him. As anyone from SFS will tell you, though, he's more than up to the job. Congratulations Chief Hodges!

I recently signed a proclamation that was presented by Col. William



Bledsoe at the child development center on April 3 concerning child abuse prevention. This proclamation will allow personnel to wear a blue ribbon to symbolize awareness for child abuse prevention. This is serious business, and I would like everyone to support the prevention of child abuse in any way you can. It is a tragedy that anyone would hurt a child, but it happens every day. We must make our best effort to stop child abuse. As I have said before, the children are our future and we must protect our children from all harm.

Finally, the storm season is upon us and I want to remind everyone to be careful driving out on the wet roads. Accidents can happen, so be careful. Wear your seatbelts, have your headlights on and most importantly, drive safely! I don't want to lose any member of Team Tyndall to an accident that could have been avoided. Please be careful out there and have a great Air Force week!

## Tyndall's chapel schedule

### Protestant

Communion Service: 9:30 a.m.  
Chapel 1

General Protestant Service: 11 a.m.  
Chapel 2

Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.  
Kids' Club: 2:45-5:45 p.m.

Wednesday  
Chapel 1: 283-2691  
Chapel 2: 283-2925

### Catholic

Daily Mass: noon Monday  
through Friday, Chapel 2

Reconciliation: 4 p.m. Saturday  
Mass: 5 p.m. Saturday, Chapel 2  
Mass: 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Chapel 2  
Religious education: 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday

**Other faith groups:** Call 283-2925

## Action Line



2nd Lt. Brian Cortez

## FTAC building dedicated

**Airman Basic Melissa Outlaw, 325th Security Forces/FTAC graduate cuts the ribbon officially dedicating the FTAC Building while Col. William Bledsoe, 325th Fighter Wing vice commander, Col. Worth Carter, 325th Support Group commander, 325th Fighter Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant Karl W. Meyers and Master Sgt. Ishraph Mohammed, 325th Mission Support Squadron FTAC flight chief, look on.**

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

Action Line calls are recorded and staffed through the proper agency. The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or

facility managers. If you're not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For **fraud, waste and abuse** calls, you should talk to the office of inspections, 283-4646. Calls concerning **energy abuse** should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

**Brig. Gen. William F. Hodgkins**  
325th Fighter Wing  
commander

## Is it economics or patriotism?

**Maj. Gerald Goodfellow**  
28th Operations Group

ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE, S.D. (AFPN) — I recently came across an interesting article entitled "Patriotism: Miniscule Motive for Joining the Military."

The article cited a survey of people between the ages 16 and 21. It found that only 12 percent of males and 9 percent of females would join the armed forces out of a sense of duty for their country. The article also said, "Economics (funds for college, training, job experience and money) would be the motive for 70 percent of the respondents."

If this is true, something changes after people join the military, because I believe most servicemembers view their service as patriotic both during and after their tour of duty. However, I

know many go through periods when they begin to make statements like, "I can't believe I'm getting deployed over Christmas again" or "How come the promotion system is so screwed up?" or "Why am I in the Air Force?"

For most servicemembers, the answer to at least the last question can be given in one word — patriotism.

Don't get me wrong: I have a bachelor's degree in economics and have believed Alan Greenspan, the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, to be a deity or a devil depending on the effect his interest-rate changes have on my savings.

Nevertheless, I know economics isn't the reason people stay in the military.

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During my career, I’ve had several occasions in which it has become clear to me why I serve. One example was during my first operational assignment. It was a bitterly cold winter day and I was in the middle of a nuclear operational readiness exercise. If you stepped outside, it was just a matter of seconds before your whole body turned to ice.

My crew spent most of the night trying to perform a preflight check on a jet that was riddled with maintenance problems. We had been working on the jet for about four hours trying to complete what was normally a 45-minute preflight check.

The cockpit was freezing, but after the first hour, our crew chief found us a flightline heater. He ran the heater hose into the cockpit. It wasn’t long before we started to get hot.

But crewmembers are master complainers. Many consider complaining an art form protected as a First Amendment right. My crew was no exception. We had a couple of pretty comical guys on the crew and the height of humor was complaining about the injustices of the Air Force.

We went from complaining about the cold to complaining about how hot the heaters made the plane. What was the Air Force thinking when it made us do this exercise in the middle of winter? We deserved better than this. Our recruiters didn’t tell us about these kinds of injustices.

All in all, we were having a pretty good time. Finally, when the jet was fixed, we were ordered to report to the alert facility. We bundled into our winter attire and made a break for the facility. By the time we arrived, we were once again freezing.

We quickly headed for the chow line and joined a table of eight other guys to eat a piping hot meal. Instantly, the conversation turned to how bitterly cold it was and what in the world was the Air Force thinking, when all of a sudden we looked out the window and noticed a lone security policeman guarding the jets. The poor guy was out in the freezing cold, marching a patrol around the jets.

At that instant, 12 crewmembers realized the security policeman was a real patriot. We all gained a better understanding of why we serve.

Another example occurred two years ago when I was deployed to Operation Allied Force. It was my crew’s first combat sortie in the B-1B, and we were all nervous. Of the four crewmembers, we were all married and between us had 13 children. We all had thoughts of our personal safety, and one never stops thinking about family

in these types of situations.

It was about a two-hour flight to the skies over Kosovo. In retrospect, the feeling on the airplane was a bit surreal.

We had just penetrated enemy airspace when one of the guys on the jet asked me if we were supposed to be flying over a town.

I quickly checked my navigation chart and said, “No, all that’s down there are some mountains.”

We all looked out of the jet. Sure enough, the mountains were lighted like a small city. All of a sudden we realized that the lights were not from a town but were from campfires.

For months, we had seen the images on CNN of the refugees forced from their homes at Serbian gunpoint. We heard about the atrocities committed by the Serbian Army, but it wasn’t until that moment that it all hit home.

Before we began the mission, we received an intelligence briefing on what we could expect if we were shot down. We were flying over some of the most rugged terrain in the world, and it was all blanketed in snow. We were warned that if we were to go down it would be a miserable time.

However, the reality was that we were currently in our multimillion dollar jet, at a cozy 72 degrees, with thousands of dollars’ worth of survival equipment strapped to our bodies in case we had to eject. These poor people had been forced from their homes, some with just the clothes on their backs, and were living in horrifying conditions.

At that moment, every crewmember on the jet knew why he served.

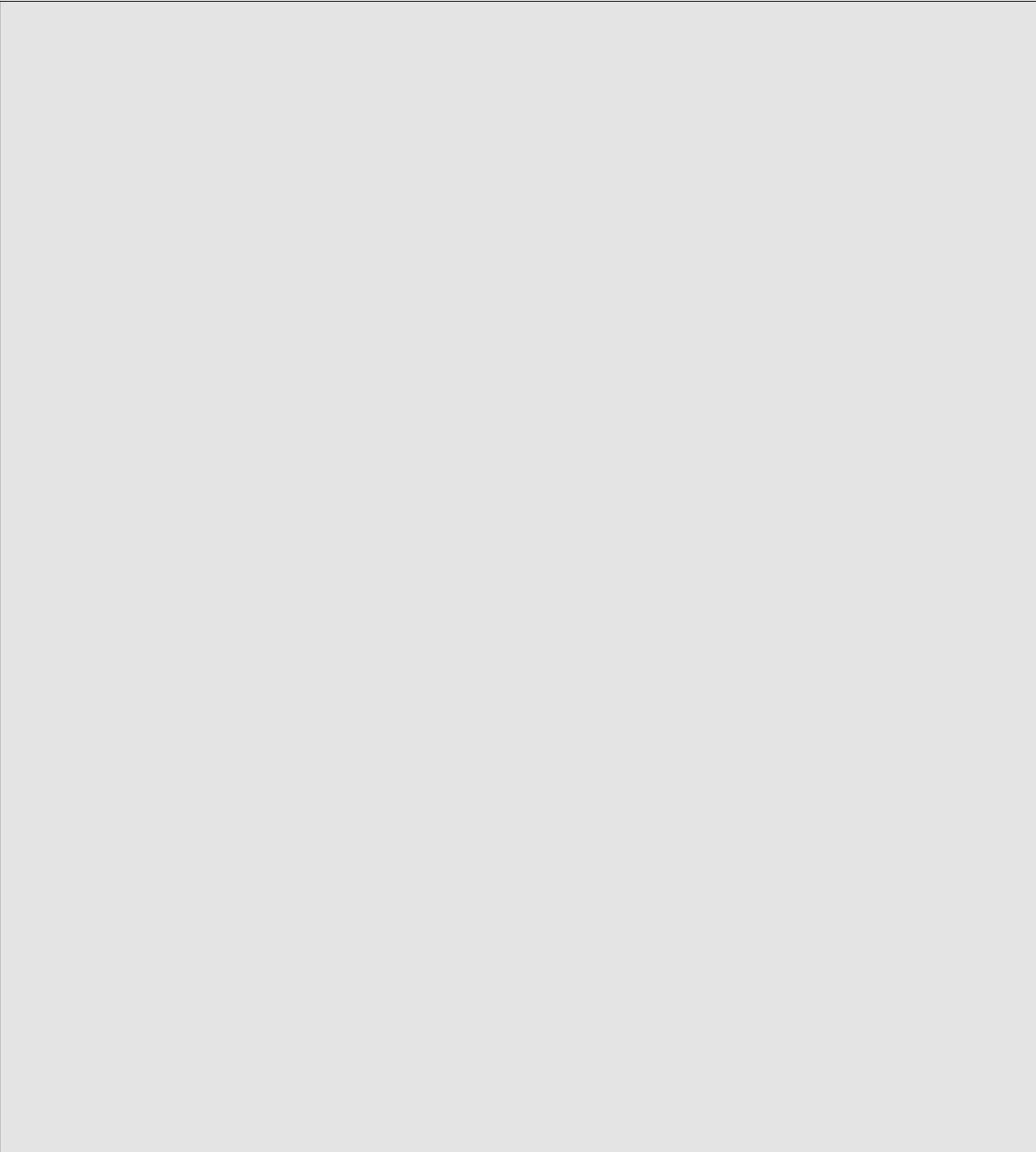
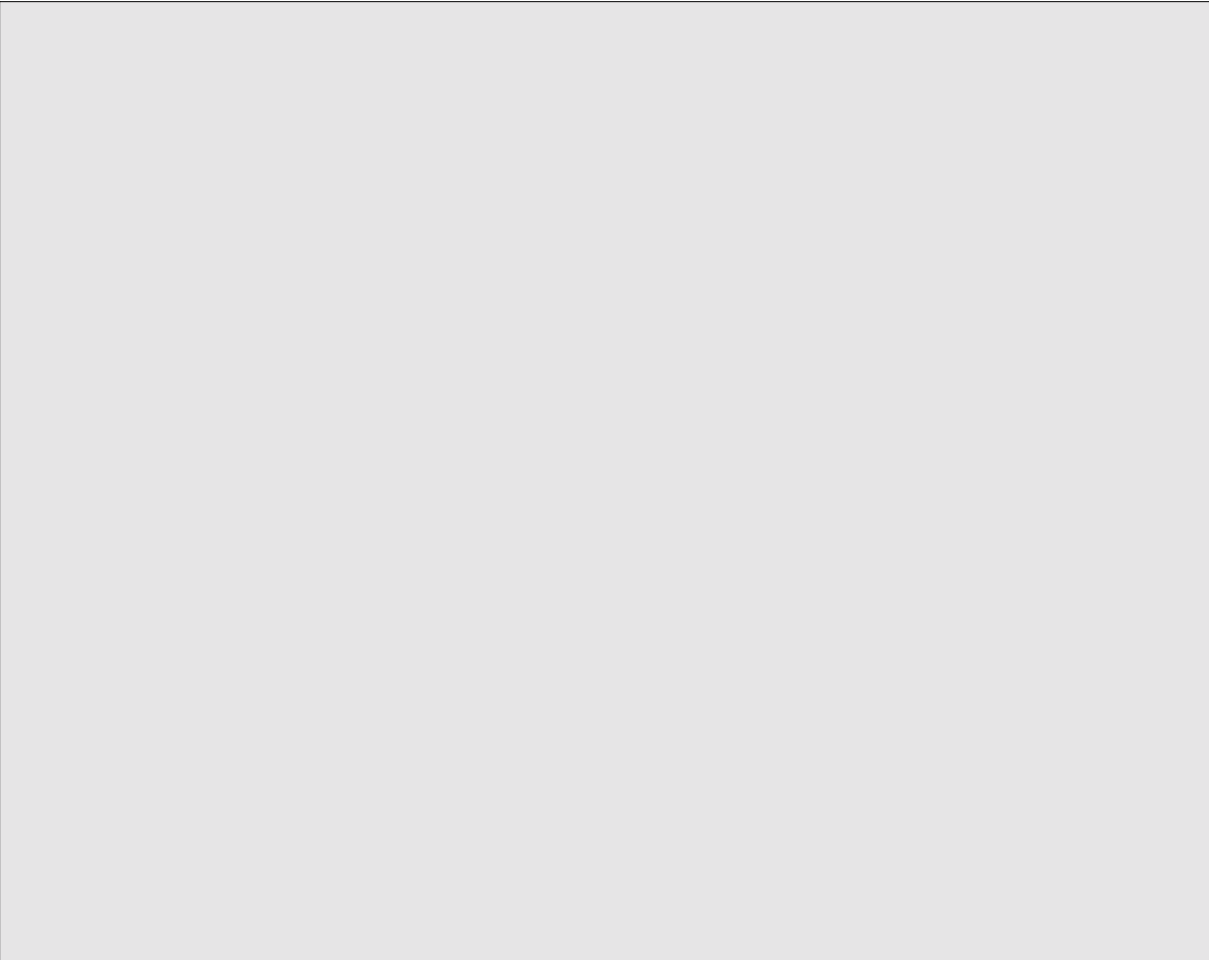
While I was still a captain, my crew had the opportunity to attend the 8th Air Force’s annual reunion. Although we were getting an award, it turned out to be one of the most humbling experiences of my life.

During the reunion, we sat amid some of the great B-17 and B-24 crewmembers from World War II. These guys had flown through hell, and in some cases survived 70-plus missions, been shot up, shot down and even taken prisoner of war.

These men have been my heroes since I was a kid. I was honored to be in their presence. It was awkward getting an award from these great men. I felt like we should be honoring them.

When I told one of the B-24 pilots that we were just doing our job and felt they were the real heroes, he responded, “Captain Goodfellow, we were just doing our jobs too.”

At that moment, I again understood why we serve and why thousands have served: patriotism.





# First Term Airmen Center: providing guidance and leadership

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A ribbon-cutting ceremony took place at the First Term Airmen Center on Tuesday. The ceremony honored the importance of the FTAC and how it is used to guide and teach leadership skills to first duty station airmen, noncommissioned officers and senior NCOs.

“The ceremony itself indicates

the importance of FTAC to Tyndall and the Air Force. The leadership on base worked very hard in developing these types of educational programs for first term airmen, NCOs and senior NCOs not only at Tyndall but also on other bases,” said Chief Master Sgt. Karl W. Meyers, 325th Fighter Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant.

Implementation and operation of Tyndall’s FTAC began Oct. 1, 1999. It was recommended this responsibility fall under the 325th

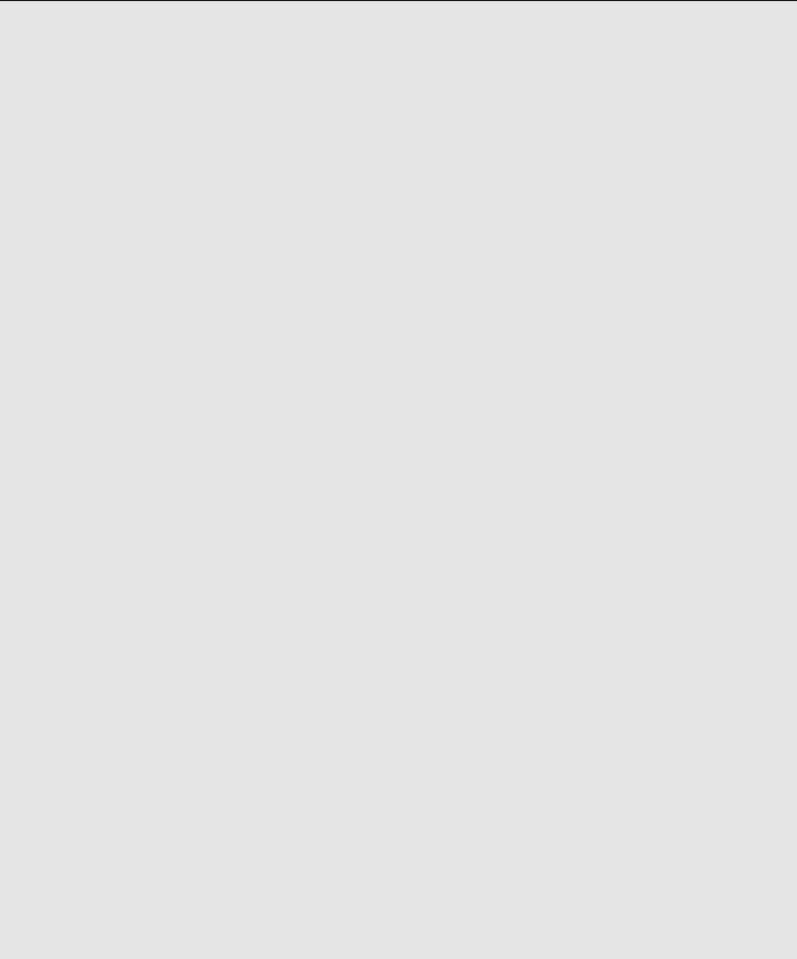
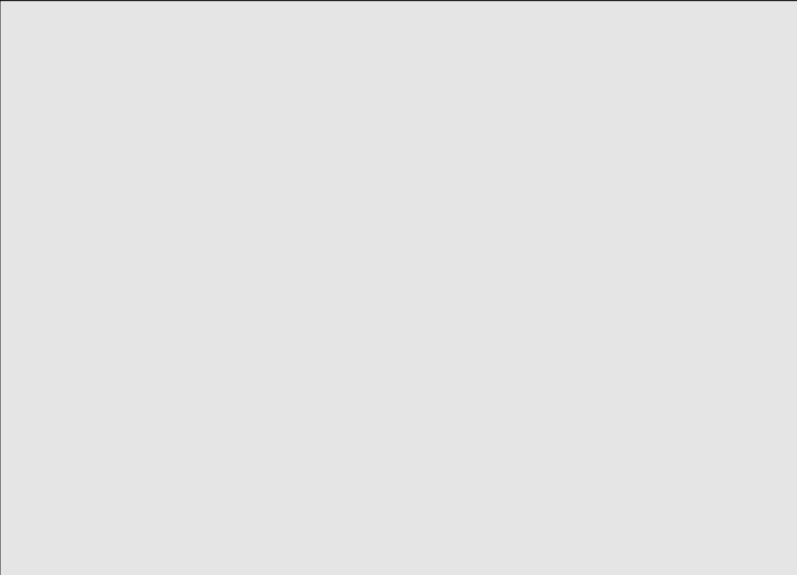
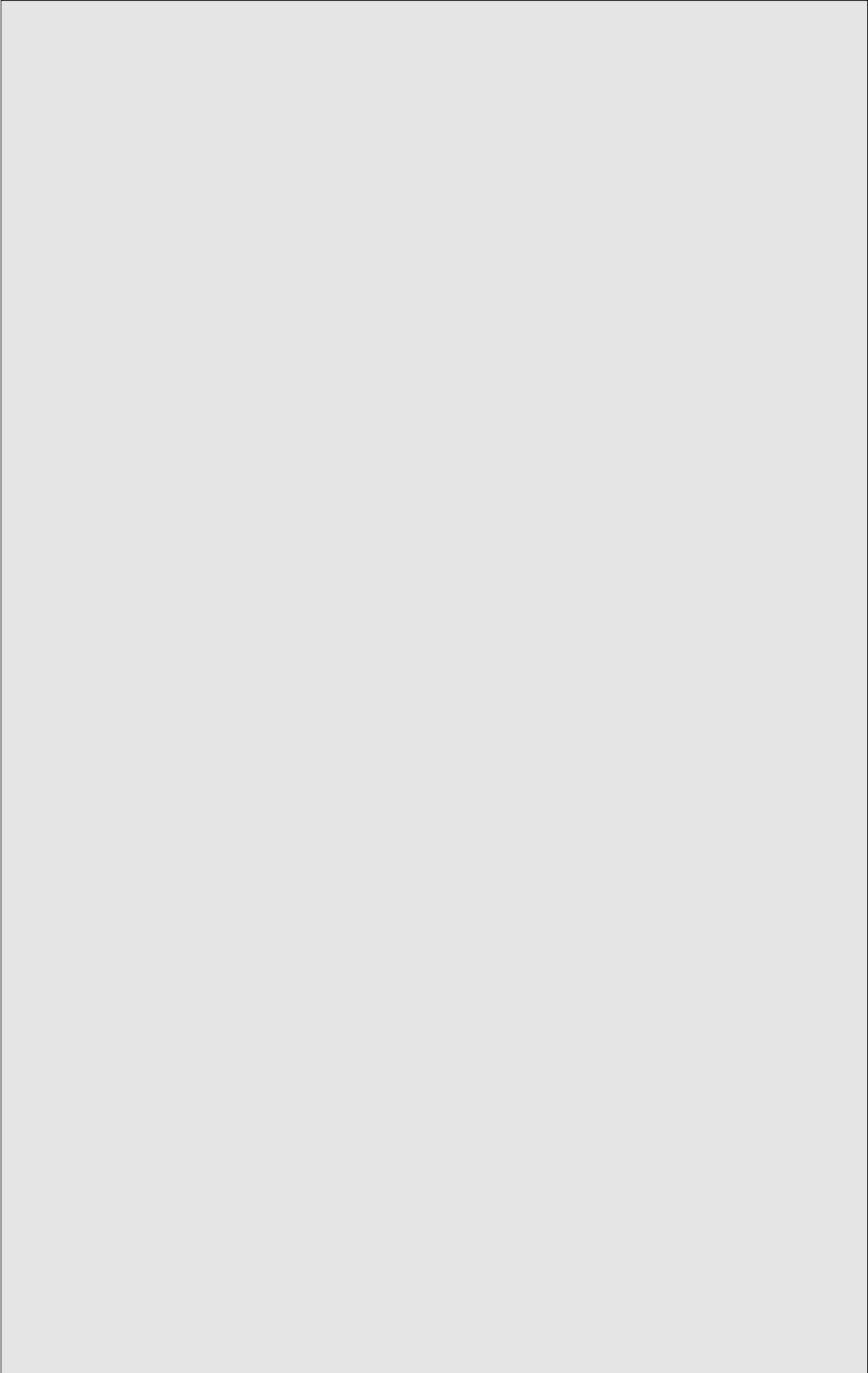
Support Group, within the mission support squadron as a separate flight. While conducting FTAC operations at the education center, Tyndall’s past and present leadership suggested Tyndall have its own facility because of the program’s importance to the base and the Air Force. In December 2000, building 842 was transformed to a first class facility that the FTAC can proudly call its home.

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Courtesy photo

**325th Fighter Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Karl W. Meyers addresses First Term Airmen Center students recently at the newly refurbished building.**





# Features

## AF marks 34th anniversary of first CMSAF installation

**Master Sgt. Sean E. Cobb**  
325th Fighter Wing  
public affairs

Tuesday, Tyndall Air Force Base marked the 34th anniversary of the installation of the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force with a ceremony honoring the Air Force enlisted legend.

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Paul W. Airey was installed April 3, 1967 by then Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. McConnell in a Pentagon ceremony held in Secretary of the Air Force Harold Brown's conference room.

The ceremony was a milestone for the enlisted force and a great day for Chief Airey. "This is the proudest day of my career," he said shortly after the ceremony. "I welcome this opportunity to work toward making our aerospace people an increasingly valuable asset to the Air Force and to the nation."

Looking back on the day, Chief Airey remembered the challenges that came with the opportunity. "My biggest thought at the time was that by being the first Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force there would be a certain amount of pressure and that I had to do the job right so it would reflect favorably on the enlisted force forever," he said.

The Chief of Staff of the Air Force knew Chief Airey had obstacles to climb also. "OK, you've got the job, run with it," General McConnell said at the ceremony. "You know being Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force is 90 percent common sense and 10 percent knowledge. You have to try and get along with the Air Staff. There are people who will make a patsy out of you, both officer and enlisted. Others will try to use you. Many will have axes to grind."

Chief Airey didn't let any of that deter him from his mission of taking care of the enlisted troops. "One of the problems I ran into of course, is that there were a lot of people who didn't want the job established," he said. "I was just anxious to get on the job and get it going. I knew we had many problems to face such as the enlisted promotions and our assignments systems.

"We were at the height of the Vietnam War," he continued. "We had people who were in Vietnam who were over there for the second or third time and some people in the same specialty hadn't gone yet. So I looked

upon promotions and assignments as the biggest problems. And of course in the back of my mind was to get the position established."

Chief Airey always considered it one of his primary duties to get out and let the enlisted people know he was there to represent them. "The basic mission of the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force is to aid and advise the Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff of the Air Force on all matters pertaining to enlisted personnel," he said.

"I considered it my first duty as Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force to let the enlisted people know that the job was established to represent them," Chief Airey said. "So I went into the field to make the job known. I tried to spend 50 percent of my time visiting the troops and 50 percent of my time back in the Pentagon."

It is a big advantage to the Air Force to have a top enlisted person at the Air Staff, according to Chief Airey. "Every enlisted person should know they have someone to talk to," he said. "We encourage people to always go within channels through their supervisor, their first sergeant and their commanders.

"But all enlisted people know there is a Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force and if necessary they can go to him with their problems and he has the whole Air Staff to try and solve that problem," he said. "This position establishes a representative of the enlisted people to the highest elements of the Air Force."

As the first CMSAF, Chief Airey worked on many issues, but there is one that he believes was a great stride for the enlisted corps. "I think that helping to get the weighted airman promotion system going gives me the most satisfaction of anything in which I was involved," he said. "Bear in mind I was strictly an adviser. I didn't invent it or anything like some people try and give me credit for."

Chief Airey remains actively involved in Air Force issues and events and believes the position of CMSAF is as important today as it was 34 years ago – if not more. "The job has certainly broadened over the years," he said. "(Chief Master Sergeant of the Air

Force) Jim Finch is involved in so many things.

"For instance, he goes to Corona," he said. "I made out position papers and so forth that were presented at Corona, but Jim actually attends these things. So I believe the job has broadened and come a long way."

By his example and leadership, Chief Airey had a lot to do with the successes of the office of CMSAF, according to Chief Master Sgt. Karl W. Meyers, 325th Fighter Wing command chief master sergeant. "Today we honor a great leader in the history of the Air Force enlisted corps," he said. "Through his efforts and vision, enlisted troops around the world can look with pride on the position of Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force and trust the person holding that position to represent their interests."



Courtesy photo

Former Secretary of the Air Force Harold Brown, left, and former Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. John P. McConnell, right, congratulate Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Paul W. Airey after his installation as the first CMSAF on April 3, 1967.



Master Sgt. Sean Cobb

Master Sgt. Bernie R. Salicido, left, 1st Air Force first sergeant at Tyndall Air Force Base and Master Sgt. Brenda A. Davis, 2nd Fighter Squadron first sergeant at Tyndall, compare retired Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Paul W. Airey with his 1967 official photo during a ceremony Tuesday marking the anniversary of his installation as the first CMSAF.



Chief Airey was the first person in the Air Force to be issued this distinctive cap and lapel insignia. The wreath replaced the plain metal circle surrounding the eagle and U. S. insignia worn by all other enlisted personnel.



# Bonita Bay Outdoor Recreation Center offers many options for summer fun

**Master Sgt. Sean E. Cobb**  
325th Fighter Wing  
public affairs

Are you looking for some summer adventure? Whether it is cruising the waters of St. Andrew Bay, checking out Florida's underwater marine life, camping by one of the many local, crystal-clear springs or just a game of volleyball in your own backyard — there is a place on base that can meet all your summer fun needs.

The Bonita Bay Outdoor Recreation Center, located at the base of the DuPont Bridge, has plenty of boats and equipment to help people have fun on land or water. "For going out on the water we have many different types of boats to rent," said Cindy Workman, 325th Services Squadron outdoor recreation director. "We offer six different types of sailboats, kayaks, water-ski boats, pontoon party boats and 17-foot Sunbird boats that are great for family excursions."

You must be at least 18 years of age to rent the watercraft, and a safe boating course is required for any watercraft, but for powerboats that has been made easier, according to Ms. Workman. "People can now take a free, state-approved boating course online," she said. "Stop by for a free safe-boating guide book to use alongside the online test. Just go through the course, take the 55-question test, print out the passing results and certificate then bring it

to us, go out on a check ride and we will issue them a watercraft-operator's card. This card can also be used at other bases." It is important to note that the state of Florida requires anyone born after Sept. 30, 1980 have in their possession aboard boats a photo ID and a boater-safety identification card meeting the requirements established by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators.

This boating course can be accessed online at: [www.boatus.com](http://www.boatus.com). Click in the upper right-hand corner "BOAT US boating test."

Outdoor recreation can also equip people for underwater action, Ms. Workman said. "For snorkelers and divers we have wetsuits, masks, snorkels and fins for children and adults," she said. "We also have another very important safety item that is required by Florida law for snorkelers and divers, and that is a dive flag. Many people don't know this is required by law for people snorkeling."

For adventures on land, outdoor recreation has camping, recreation, picnic and party equipment. "We have tents, cots, sleeping bags, camp stoves, volleyball sets, horseshoe sets, mountain bikes, ice chests, canopies and tables, just to name a few," Ms. Workman said. "We carry almost any equipment people need to have outdoor fun."

If people are looking for an area to hold parties and outdoor get-



Photos by Master Sgt. Sean E. Cobb

**This 17-foot Sunbird boat is great for family excursions, such as going to Shell Island, according to Cindy Workman, 325th Services Squadron outdoor director. She is performing a maintenance check before the boat gets under way again.**

together, the Bonita Bay Recreation Area can take care of those needs also. "We have one large pavilion and six small pavilions available for rent, complete with grills," Ms. Workman said. "We also have a volleyball court, horseshoe pits, and a playground for kids right here at Bonita Bay." The Heritage Park large pavilion and gazebo may also be reserved.

For more information on Tyndall's outdoor recreation programs and equipment for rent, call 283-3199.



**Nathan L. McConahay, 325th Services Squadron information, tickets and tours recreation aide, checks out the wet suits available at the recreation center.**



**Tony Wagner, 325th Services Squadron outdoor recreation maintenance worker, hooks a boat trailer to a truck.**



# Air Force Academy celebrates 47 years

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AFPN)** — Forty-seven years ago April 1, the U.S. Air Force Academy was established with the stroke of a pen from then-President Dwight D. Eisenhower signing the Air Academy Act in 1954.

Joining Eisenhower at the ceremony were several congressional representatives, Air Force Secretary Harold E. Talbott, Air Force Chief of Staff Nathan Twining and Lt. Gen. Hubert Harmon, special assistant for Air Force Academy matters.

Five and a half months later, on Aug. 14, General Harmon became the academy’s first

superintendent at the school’s temporary home at Lowry Air Force Base, in Aurora, Colo.

Lt. Gen. John Dallagher, a distinguished graduate in the Class of 1969, is the current superintendent of the Academy, which now sits on more than 18,000 acres at the base of the Rocky Mountains northwest of Colorado Springs.

Helping to recognize the academy’s 47th anniversary will be Air Force Chief of Staff and 1965 Academy graduate Gen. Michael E. Ryan. He is scheduled to be the guest speaker at a Founder’s Day dinner Saturday.

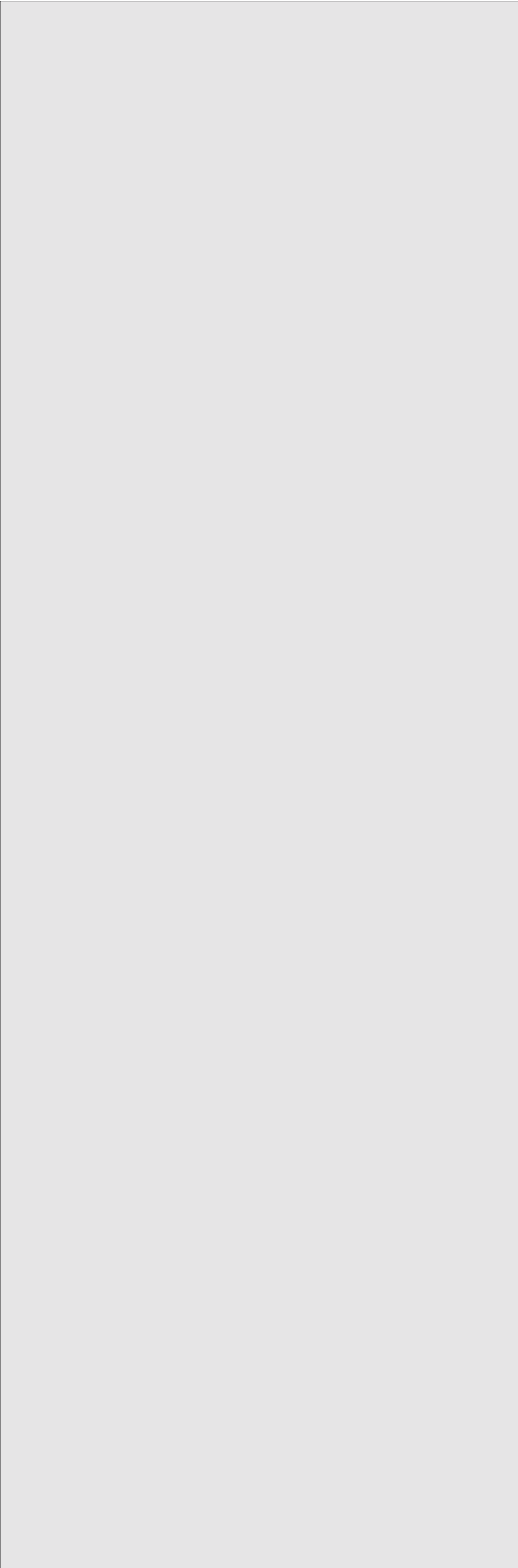
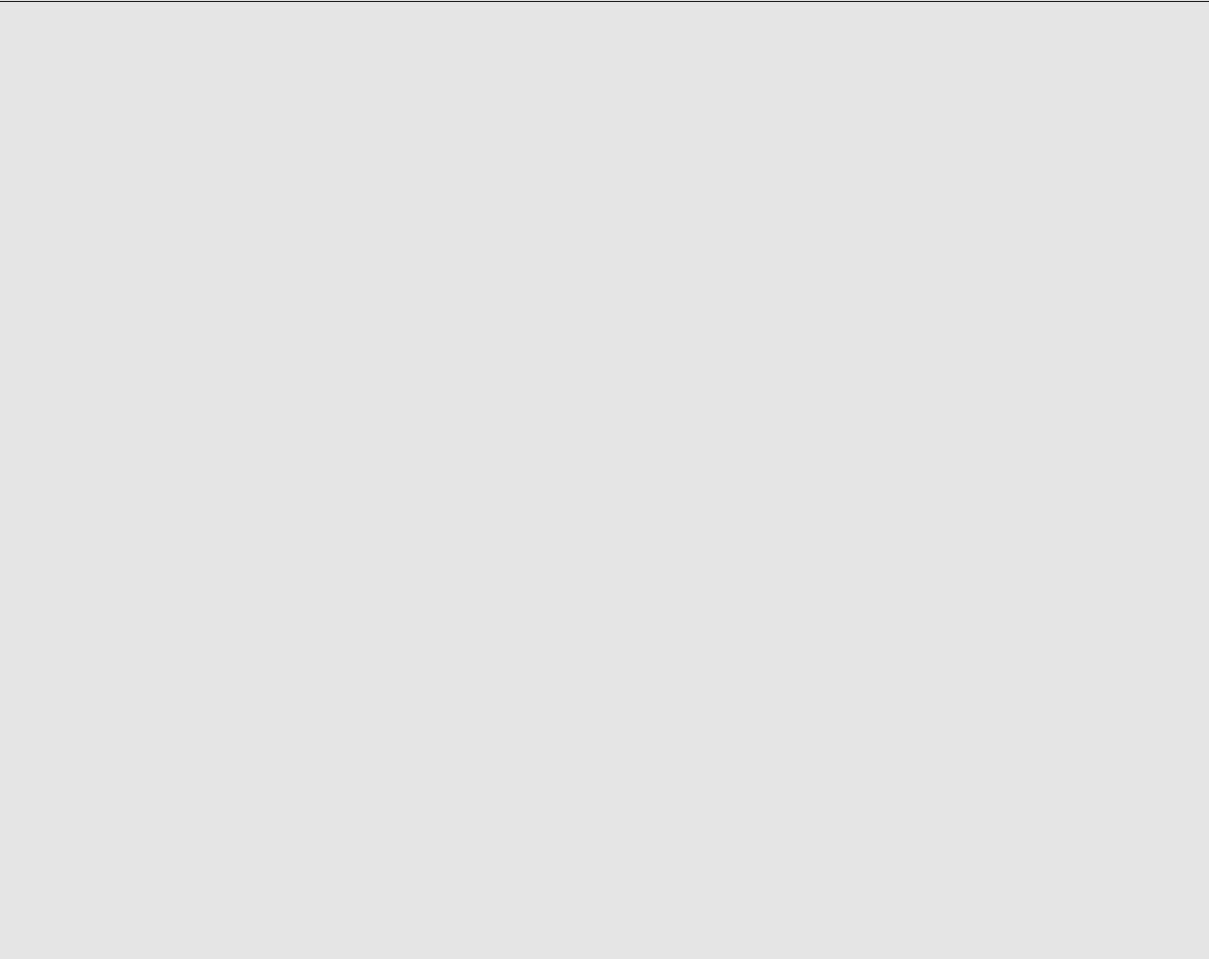
The first Air Force Academy

class of 207 graduated in 1959. Since then, the Air Force Academy has graduated 33,012 students, including the Class of 2000.

Women joined the academy ranks 25 years ago, on June 28, 1976.

Some of the AFA graduates who have gone on to significant and different careers include Gen. (Ret.) Ronald R. Fogelman, 1963, the first USAFA graduate to become Air Force Chief of Staff; Col. Susan Helms, 1980, four-time shuttle astronaut and a flight engineer currently on the International Space Station for

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# Big Bunny is on his way—with a little help from friends

**Marcia A. Robertson**  
*325th Services Squadron marketing*

Spring is coming and so is the Big Bunny Egg Hunt. Preparations began in February, when Alma Hooks, 325th Services Squadron director of youth programs, assembled her committee: one staff person, one volunteer and herself. During the next two months, this group stays busy planning for one of the largest youth events on Tyndall Air Force Base. They shop all over the Panama City area and, with the help of other staff and volunteers, stuff thousands of plastic eggs with candy and prizes.

“We’re anticipating as many as 750 kids this year,” Ms. Hooks said. “It has really grown from the 150 we had the first year.”

Started in 1997, the Big Bunny Egg Hunt allows children to participate in an annual spring tradition. This year’s event will take place on Saturday, April 14.

“We want Big Bunny to be fun for everyone,” said Ms. Sonia Terryn, 325th Services Squadron open recreation assistant. “Stuffing all the eggs is time consuming, but it is worth the effort to ensure that everyone goes away happy.”

This year, the youth center plans to stuff 12,000 eggs. In addition to the candy and small prizes, some eggs contain a prize claim ticket. Children finding a claim ticket can redeem it for the prize listed. Prizes run the gamut from stuffed bunnies to basketballs, games and puzzles to portable radios. The staff is careful to select candy and prizes that are age appropriate.

“We evaluate the candy and the prizes to

make sure each is suited to a particular age group,” Ms. Terryn said. “We don’t just grab things off the shelf without any thought.”

The hunt also relies on volunteers. Teens from the center’s Torch and Keystone clubs spend about 200 hours stuffing the plastic eggs and helping with the children’s hunts. About 25 adult volunteers are recruited to be everything from registration coordinators to parking attendants.

Volunteer Kathy Lowder has been with Big Bunny since the beginning. She found out about the event through her husband, Tech. Sgt. Bill Lowder, 325th Services Squadron lodging operations NCO.

“Bill came home and said the youth center needed help with the egg hunt,” Mrs. Lowder said. That first year, she stuffed eggs and worked the registration table. As the years progressed, she became more involved.

“I’m known as the egg buyer,” she said.

As soon as the hunts are over, Mrs. Lowder immediately starts looking for bargains.

“One year, after Easter, I cleaned out Panama City, then drove to Pensacola and stopped in at Fort Walton on the way back,” Mrs. Lowder said. “I’ve gotten plastic eggs for 90 percent off. I had some shipped in from Oklahoma—a friend out there caught them on sale.”

Watching for sales helps the youth center stretch its funding. Donations from the base community are also vital. The youth center accepts individually wrapped candy and has a list of needed items available for anyone wishing to contribute.

The Big Bunny Egg Hunt is really several hunts spread out by age group throughout the day. This year, children ages 1 to 4 will hunt at 11 a.m.; ages 5-8 at 1 p.m.; and ages

9-12 at 3 p.m. An evening hunt featuring glow-in-the-dark eggs for teens 13-18 begins at 8 p.m. All participants need to BYOB (bring your own basket) and youths will need to have their own flashlights for the evening hunt. In the event that a child does not find an egg, the youth center has contingency plans.

“We have extra eggs for the kids who don’t find any,” said Ms. Hooks. “Parents just need to let a staff member know. We also encourage parents to let the children enjoy the hunt in their own way. Some kids are happy with one or two eggs and that’s fine.”

The hunt is open to any child directly associated with the base. This includes relatives of active-duty members and retirees as well as civilian and contract employees.

“Since we don’t charge to participate, we like to keep the event centered on children who are part of the Tyndall family,” Ms. Hooks said.

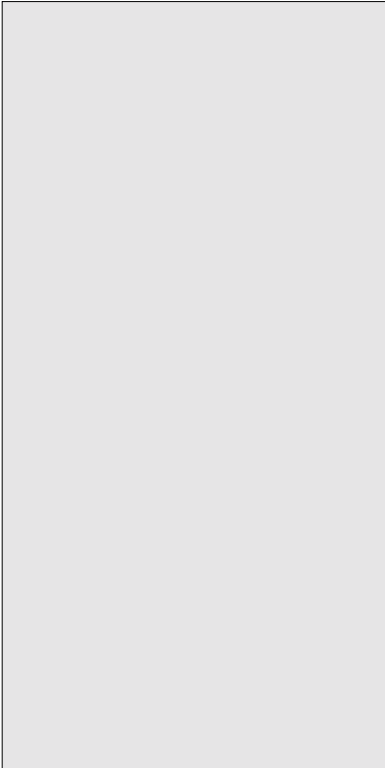
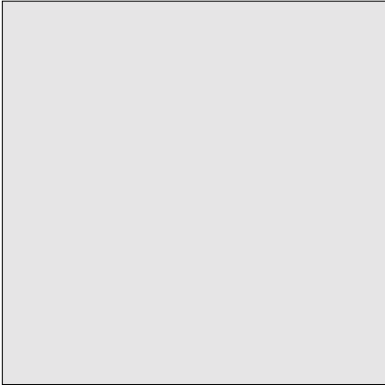
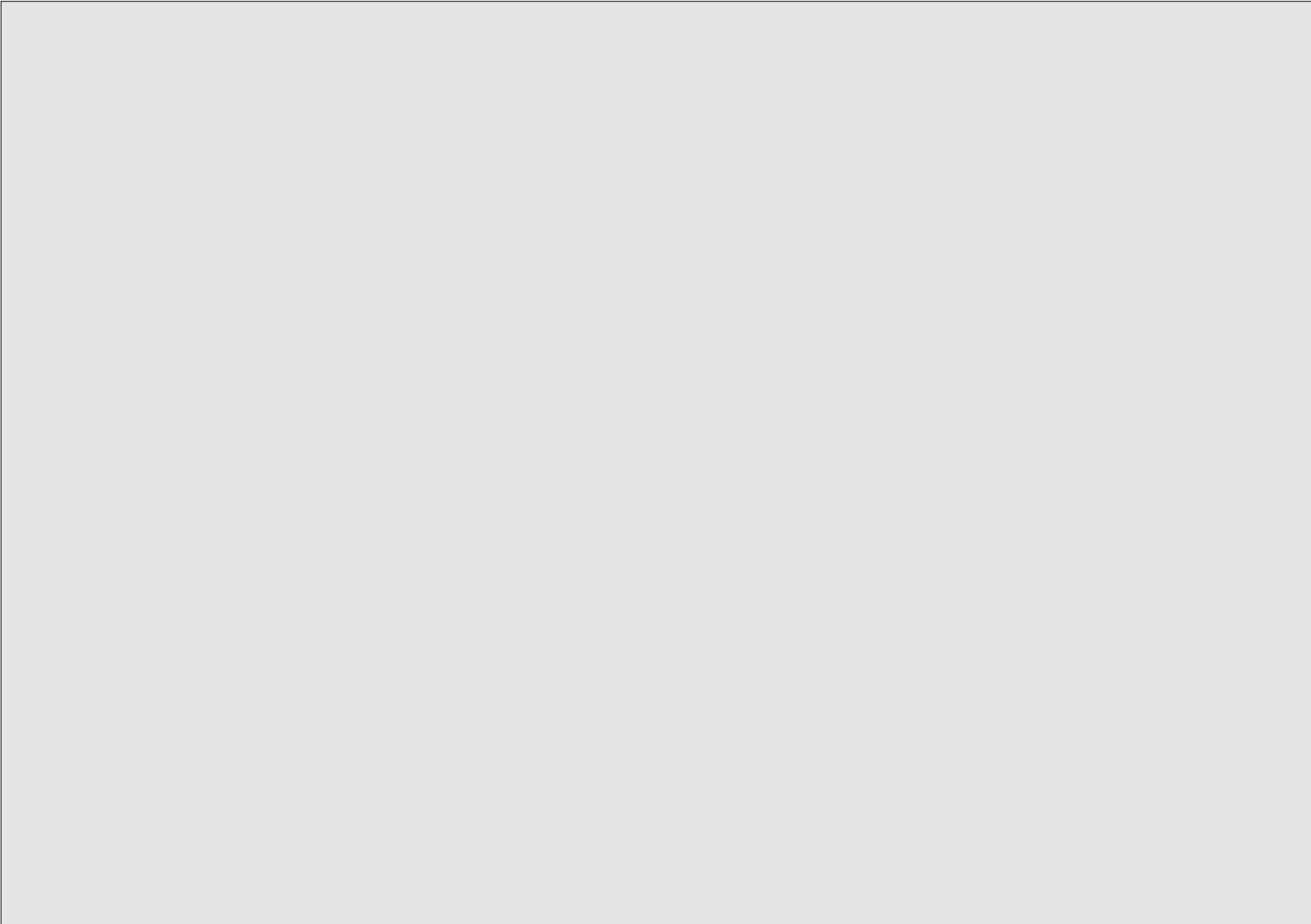
The youth center will open for the hunt at 10 a.m. on April 14. Housing residents are encouraged to walk to the center due to limited parking there.

For more information about the Big Bunny Egg Hunt and other youth programs, contact the youth center at 283-4366.



Marcia A. Robertson

**Torch Club members, Ashley Griffith, Ashley Rivera and Diala Gibson, work on stuffing plastic eggs for the Big Bunny Egg Hunt.**



**Your link  
to what's going on**

# Gulf Guide

**in the  
Tyndall community**

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### Moms, Pops & Tots

The parent and child interaction play group, "Moms, Pops & Tots," for parents and their under-age-five children meets 9:30-11 a.m. every Monday at the youth center. For more information, call 286-5812.

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### Newcomers' orientation

A mandatory newcomers' orientation for all those new to Tyndall will be 8-11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Pelican Reef Enlisted Club. Sign-up will start at 7:30 a.m. Free refreshments will be provided. For more information, call 283-2276.

Free child care is available for spouses wishing to attend the orientation. For information on how to obtain free child care, call the relocation assistance program office, 283-4204. For details on child registration information, call the child development center, 283-4747.

### Personal finance workshop

A personal finance workshop will be 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday in the family support center classroom. The bring-your-lunch workshop will focus on cash-flow analysis, financial goal setting and budgeting. For more information or reservations, call the family support center, 283-4204.

### Coastal navigation class

The Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 19 basic coastal navigation course will be 7-9 p.m. Tuesday in Gulf Coast Community College's Student Union East building, Gibson Lecture Hall, Room 231. The course will be Tuesday and Thursday evenings through April 24. The cost for the course is \$35 for the textbook and materials. For more information, call John Clark, 271-3828 or visit the flotilla web site at: <http://clik.to/USGAUXFlotilla16>

### Parenting course

The last meeting of the three-session course for parents of children ages 1 to 4 will be 3-5 p.m. Tuesday in the family advocacy conference room. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7272.

### TRICARE briefings

A TRICARE for Life and TRICARE Senior Pharmacy Program briefing will be 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Shaddai Shrine Temple, 1101 West 19th St. The briefing is offered by the Tyndall 325th Medical Group and is open to eligible beneficiaries at no cost. For more information, call the managed care office, 283-7331, or the Shrine Temple, 763-6090.

### Civil Air Patrol meeting

Civil Air Patrol meetings for boys and girls 12 years old and older will be held 6:00-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday in

Building 852. The CAP offers local and national activities with a focus on educational and professional development. For more information, call Capt. Laura Palm, 283-7594, or Master Sgt. Perry Newberry, 283-4189.

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### GCCC registration

Tyndall registration for Gulf Coast Community College's summer A and B semesters will be 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday in the education center. An additional registration period for the Summer B semester only will be June 6. Students may also register at the college April 16-May 4 for the summer A semester and April 16-20 or June 13-15 for summer B. Fall registration dates at GCCC are April 16-20, July 9-20 and Aug. 15-17. For more information, call the education center, 283-4332.

### CGOC meeting

A Company Grade Officers Club meeting will be 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Tyndall Officers' Club. For more information, call Capt. Mark Sotallaro, 283-2039, or Capt. Laura Palm, 283-7594.

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### Smooth-move workshop

A smooth-move workshop will be 9 a.m.-noon Thursday in the family support center classroom. All military, Department of Defense civilians and family members are invited. A new book, "Relocation 101," will be given to all attendees. For more information or reservations, call the family support center, 283-4204.

## NOTES

### Yard-improvement supplies

Tyndall Family Housing residents can pick up landscaping timbers, mulch and other yard-improvement supplies noon-7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m.-noon Saturday from the housing-improvement center, Building 3304. Plants can be ordered noon-7 p.m. on Wednesdays and picked up 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays or ordered 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays and picked up noon-7 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call Steve Calhoun, 283-4689 or Doug Hall, 283-4648. The plant program will end April 25.

### Felix Lake shoppette hours

The Felix Lake Shoppette is now open 6 a.m.-9 p.m.

### Voice mail appointments

The 325th Medical Group is now offering patients the option of using voice mail to request a routine or annual family practice appointment or to request an acute appointment from the family practice triage nurse. The voice mail system can be accessed by calling the appointments line, 283-2778, and leaving a message. Staff will call back between 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 3-4 p.m. for appointment scheduling and between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for the triage nurse line. Patients should not leave a message if they believe they have an urgent medical problem.

### Child-care program

A new extended-duty child-care program has been implemented to assist parents whose work schedules temporarily require child care beyond the Tyndall Child Development Center's hours. This additional care is provided in a contracted licensed family child-care home. Arrangements must be coordinated with the CDC and the Family Child Care Program. For more information, call family child-care coordinator Ina Crawford, 283-2266.

### AFROTC opportunity

The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps is offering an opportunity to simultaneously finish a degree and earn a commission as a 2nd lieutenant in the Air Force. Qualified personnel who can graduate with at least a bachelor's degree in any academic major in Fiscal 2002 may be eligible. For more information and eligibility requirements, call or visit the base education office, 283-4285.

### Lost and found

The 325th Security Forces Investigation's Lost and Found has jewelry, watches, keys, wallets, pagers, bikes, glasses and automatic teller machine cards in their inventory. Anyone wishing to claim lost property can call Security Forces, 283-1630, between 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

## RETIREE NEWS

### DFAS online service review

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service has introduced its new Employee/Member Self Service system which allows Department of Defense customers to access their pay record and update certain payroll information directly, without having to fill out any paper forms. Military retirees and annuitants can now use E/MSS 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Access to the system is available via the Internet using a personal computer or through an interactive voice response system at (877) 363-3677 using a touch-tone phone.

E/MSS allows potential users to review or make changes to their federal tax information, financial allotments (not available to annuitants), home or correspondence address and their direct deposit or electronic funds transfer information. To use E/MSS, retirees will need a PIN, which was mailed by the DFAS last year. For those who did not receive the PIN, or have lost it, the DFAS has established an E/MSS Customer Support Unit at its Cleveland Center. The CSU may be contacted 6 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Monday-Friday at (800) 390-2348. The CSU will answer any questions relating to E/MSS, including non-receipt of PIN numbers. For more information, visit the DFAS home page at: [www.dfas.mil](http://www.dfas.mil).

### Locating Air Force retirees or active-duty members

The Air Force may not release home or overseas duty addresses, but will forward a personal letter. Seal letters in a stamped envelope, enter your return address, including retired grade, and send the letter and addressee's name, grade and Social Security Number or service number in another envelope to: HQ AFPC/MSIMDL, 550 C Street West, Ste. 50, Randolph AFB, Texas, 78150-4752.

## YARD SALES

The following yard sales are scheduled for Saturday: 3153-A Tiger St. and 3146-A Tiger St. All yard sales are held between 8 a.m.-4p.m.

## BASE THEATER

**Today:** "Recess: School's Out" (G, animated, 83 min.)

**Saturday:** "Recess: School's Out"

**Sunday:** "3,000 Miles to Graceland" (R, violence, sexuality and language, 125 min.)

**Thursday:** "3,000 Miles to Graceland"

●All movies start at 7 p.m. except Sunday, which is 6 p.m.

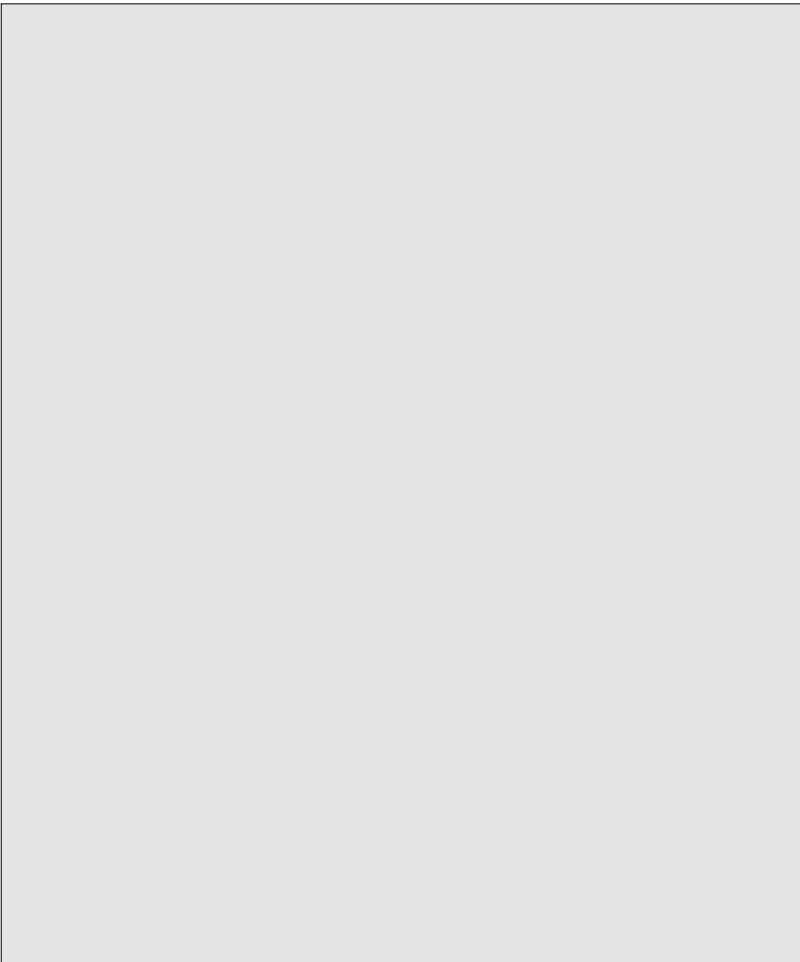


# Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month

Brig. Gen. William F. Hodgkins, 325th Fighter Wing commander, has proclaimed the month of April to be Child Abuse Prevention Month on Tyndall AFB. All military members in uniform and their families are urged to wear a blue ribbon for the month of April to increase awareness and help eliminate child abuse and neglect.

To obtain your blue ribbon stop by one of the following locations:

Family Advocacy/Behavioral Science (Building 1305)  
Youth Activities Center (Building 1455)  
Child Development Center (Building 1410)  
Pediatrics (Building 852)  
Family Practice (Team 1 or 2 in the Main Hospital Building 1465)  
Family Support Center (Building 745)  
Library (Building 916)  
Or call family advocacy at 283-7272 and we will make sure you receive a ribbon.



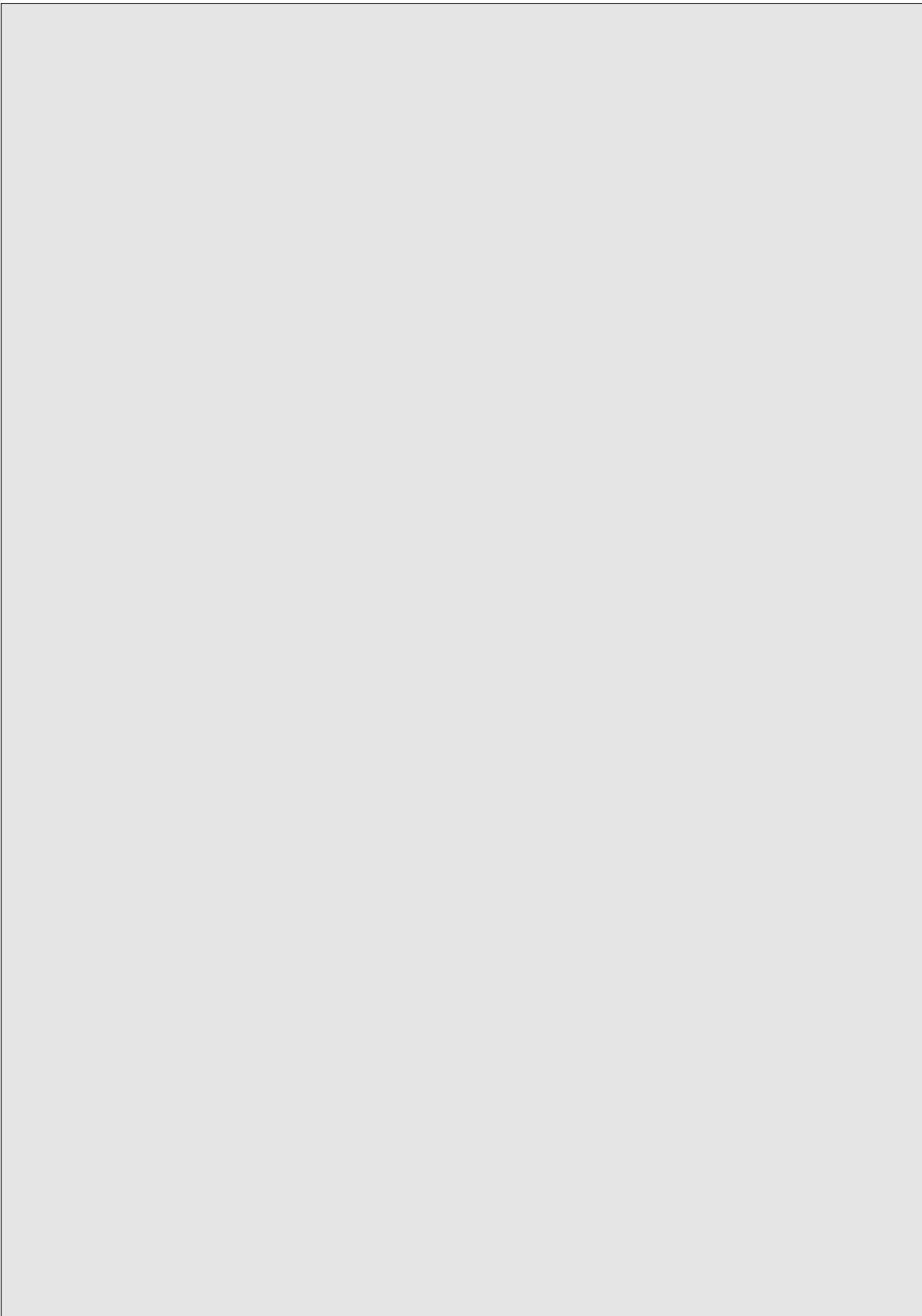
## Spotlight



2nd Lt. James Danik

### Senior Airman Eleanor Johnson & son Nicholas D. Johnson

**Job Title:** Front desk clerk, Sand Dollar Inn  
**Why did you join the Air Force:** To travel and see the world.  
**Years in Air Force:** 8 years  
**Hometown:** Meridian, Miss.  
**Years at Tyndall:** 2 years  
**Most exciting aspect of your job:** Greeting customers and knowing they had an enjoyable stay in Tyndall’s lodging facility.  
**Short-term goals:** To make Staff Sergeant and to live every day as if it were my last.  
**Long-term goals:** To make sure my children are healthy. I want them to know that I will always be there when they need me.  
**Favorite book:** “The Green Mile”  
**Favorite movie:** “The Green Mile”  
**Hobbies and activities:** Aerobics, spending time with my children Nicholas and Brianna, and playing softball.



# Funshine NEWS

April 6, 2001

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## Officers' Club

☎ 283-4357

### Membership Meeting

at the Officers' Club, April 12 at 4:30 p.m. Attend this meeting to hear about future plans!

### Designated Driver Program

Ask the staff about our designated driver program.

### \$300 Club Card Drawing

Every Thursday at the club at 6 p.m.

### "Your Cash is Trash"

Every Friday at 6:30 p.m.

## Pelican Pt. Golf Course

☎ 286-2565

### Ladies Golf Clinics

Wednesdays 8 a.m., \$5 per session.

## Youth Center

☎ 286-4366

### Tennis 1-2-3

■ 3-5 yr. olds

Stresses movement and balance through pre-school type activities. May 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24 at 4 p.m. Cost is \$25 and includes a t-shirt.

### Tennis 1-2-3

■ 6-7 yr old want to learn about tennis? Sign them up in USA tennis 1-2-3. The program teaches fundamentals in a friendly, group environment. Dates are May 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25 at 4 p.m. Cost is \$20 for members & \$30 for nonmembers and includes a t-shirt.

## Aero Club

Private Pilot Ground School: April 9

Commercial Instrument: April 10

Call 283-4404

## Enlisted Club

☎ 283-4146

### Membership Meeting

at the Enlisted Club, April 10 at 4:30 p.m. Attend this meeting to hear about future plans!

### Happy Birthday

Members, stop by the business office and pick up your birthday month coupon.

## Marina Club

☎ 283-3059

### Seafood Buffet

Every Friday, All-You-Can-Eat seafood for \$6.25 (includes drink).

### Evening Dining

The Marina Grill is now open in the evening Tues.-Sat. 6-8 p.m. offering our full menu and weekly specials. Open to all ranks. Membership is not required for grill.

## CAC Pizza Pub

☎ 283-3222

### Catch the Baseball Action

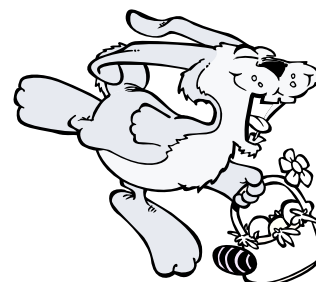
All of the Pro-Major league baseball games will be here from April 1 to Sept. 30. (Local black out rules apply). Food specials during the games will include: \$2 beer pitchers and large single topping pizzas for \$8.95. Drawings and giveaways will also be going on. Stop by and check it out!

## Community Activities Ctr.

☎ 283-2495

### Modern Jazz Classes

Starts April 14: Youth 6-12 year old. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. \$20 per person for 4 weeks. Adults Class 12-1 p.m. \$20 per person for 4 weeks



## Tyndall Youth Programs Big Bunny Egg Hunt

**Saturday, April 14**

at the Youth Center,  
Bldg. 3223 on Sabre Drive.  
BYOB (bring your own basket)

**11 a.m. age categories 1-2, 3-4**

**1 p.m. age categories: 5-6, & 7-8**

**3 p.m. age categories: 9-10 & 11-12**

## Glow in the Dark Egg Hunt (For Teens only)

**Saturday, April 14**

The Annual hunt begins at 8 p.m. at the center, Bldg. 3223 on Sabre Drive.  
BYOFL (bring your own flash light) • BYOB (bring your own basket)

Age categories: 13-18

Prize filled eggs will contain candy, toys, or coupons for a variety of prizes.

Volunteers are needed to assist in preparing for this major base wide event for the youth of Tyndall. Volunteer meetings Tuesday April 10 at 6 p.m. and Wednesday April 11 at 6 p.m. at the Youth Center

Sponsored in part by: Tyndall Federal Credit Union and Boardwalk Beach Resort.  
No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

**For more information call 283-4366**

## Easter Sunday "Champagne" Brunch All Ranks at the Officers' Club



"Special appearance by the Easter Bunny!"

Parents, don't forget your cameras!

**April 15 • Seatings at 11 a.m. & 1:15 p.m.**

**Featuring:** Steamship Round, Baked Virginia Ham, Tom Turkey, Assorted Vegetables, Omelet

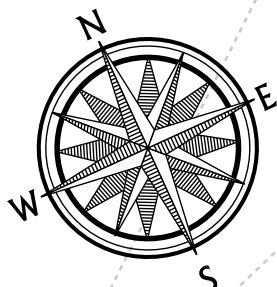
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O-Club - 283-4357

Station, Fruit, Juices and Holiday Desserts.



**Special!**  
Easter Egg Hunt  
at your table!

**\* Adults \$10.95, Children 5-12 75¢ per year, Children under 5 Free \***



## Travel Expedition 2001

*Tyndall AFB, Florida*

Information, Tickets, and Tours will be presenting various vendors of vacation opportunities:

**April 27, 2001 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**At the Community Activities Center**

**Amusement Parks • Motels • Dinner Theaters  
and more will be represented at this show.**

For more information call ITT at 283-2495

## Pelican Point Golf Course

## AETC Golf Championship Base Level Competition

**April 21, 22, 28, 29 • 8 a.m.**

**Command level tournament to be held at Randolph AFB  
1st weekend in June.**

This tournament consists of 4 rounds of golf to be played over two consecutive weekends. There will be a Men's Open, Senior Men's, Women's Open and Senior Women's categories. The golfers in this tournament will be playing for the opportunity to represent Tyndall AFB at the command level tournament.

**For more information call: 286-2565**





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The FTAC is designed to transition first duty station airmen from training to a mission-oriented environment. It is a structured program that provides a means of inprocessing airmen with a solid foundation of base and ancillary training programs and briefings in order to prepare them to become mission-ready in a minimum amount of time. Over 40 different briefers covering a curriculum of more than 45 different military topics and briefings are assigned. In doing this, the FTAC reinforced the military lessons first-term airmen learn and experience in basic military training and technical training school, thereby creating an environment for airmen to develop a warrior spirit and an expeditionary mindset.

“I enjoy dealing with the young airmen,” said Master Sgt. Ishraph Mohammed, 325th Mission Support Squadron FTAC flight chief. “They are important because they are very intelligent and capable individuals.

With a little guidance and training, they can gain the potential to become future leaders in the Air Force.”

“The FTAC provides a great leadership program,” said Senior Airman Billy Scarborough, FTAC team leader. “I have learned how to be responsible, how to successfully interact with others and how to be a mentor to new incoming airmen.”

To date, the FTAC has transitioned over 350 new first-term airmen to more than 20 different agencies on Tyndall. The FTAC classroom is sponsored by Tyndall’s first sergeants and will be called “The First Sergeants’ Room.”

“Master Sergeant Mohammed did a great job at building the foundations of FTAC for the Air Force to model after,” said Chief Meyers. “We were very lucky to have one of the best FTACs in the Air Force, thanks to the help of the fund raising done by Gen. Buchanan and Gen. Hodgkins,” said Col. Worth Carter, 325th Support Group commander.

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four months; Greg Popovich 1970, current coach for the San Antonio Spurs; Chad Hennings, 1988, former Dallas Cowboys defensive lineman; and U.S. Rep. Heather Wilson, 1982, (R-N.M), currently on the academy’s Board of Visitors.

One graduate, Capt. Lance P. Sijan, received the Medal of Honor posthumously and has an Air Force award named on his behalf. Thirty-five graduates are repatriated prisoners of war. Two graduates are combat aces.

The AFA is the youngest of the four service academies. Current legislation limits cadet wing strength to 4,000. About 52 percent of those commissioned in the Air Force are still on active duty, with more than 215 who became general officers. The academy has graduated more than 150 international cadets, and 31 academy cadets have been selected as Rhodes scholars.

# Sports & Fitness

Volleyball standings		
	W	L
Large squadron		
TRS 1	3	0
OSS 1	3	0
MSS	5	1
CONR 1	2	1
COMM 1	2	1
MDG	2	1
SEADS 1	3	2
CES	3	2
1FS	2	2
CONR 2	2	3
OSS 2	1	2
TRS 2	1	3
95 FS	1	3
SEADS 2	0	4
COMM 2	0	5
Small squadron		
81 TSS	4	0
AFCESA	4	0
NCOA	3	1
RHS	3	2
372 TRS	2	2
TEST	2	3
83 FWS	1	3
MXS	1	4
SVS	0	5

Intramural golf standings		
	Total points	Makeup Games
Large squadron		
MSS 1	20	
CONR 1	12.5	
OSS	11.5	
TRS	10	
MDG	10	
CES	10	2
CONR 2	9	
95FS	8	
COMM	7.5	1
SEADS	3	
CONR 3	.5	
MSS2	0	1
Small squadron		
MXS	18.5	
LSS	13.5	
85TS	12	
AFCESA	11.5	
SVS	11.5	
362TRS	10	1
83FWS	10	
372TRS	3	1

## USA Tennis 1-2-3



**Ages 5 and under**  
May 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24

**Ages 6-7**  
May 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25

Program starts at 4 p.m.  
each day


Cost is \$20 for members, \$30 for non-members. Cost includes a T-shirt.

*For more information, call  
Andy Wallace, 283-4366*

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- 1991 Vulcan 500 motorcycle, 10,000 miles, two helmets, vests, more. Excellent condition, asking \$1,925. For more information, call Brian, 871-2380.

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